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Wasatch County Attorney Inducted Into Distinguished Inn of Court



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Steve Hansen, Wasatch County Attorney, has become a barrister in the American Inn of Court, a organization of distinguished judges and master lawyers, based on an English tradition begun centuries ago.

Inns of the Court, conceived by retired U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger eleven years ago, are community-based organizations dedicated to continually improving the skills, ethics and

professionalism of those in the field of law. A pilot American Inn was organized in February 1980 in the Brigham Young University Clark Law School, with a second inn begun the following year at the University of Utah. Their success attracted national interest and a national foundation was established to coordinate the functioning of inns as they have been organized across the country.

"[Hansen] was recommended by some of the membership because they felt that he characterized the kind of qualities that we're trying to foster: high ethics, a desire to increase the quality of presentation in the courtroom. We think he characterizes that kind of thing and is that kind of attorney and we want to strengthen his field of influence and ours, too. We thought he would be a good choice," said Dayle Jeffs, a charter member of the organization and member of the executive board.

During the monthly meetings of the Inns, experienced judges and litigators, and new members of the bar or third-year law students hold demonstrations, discussions and seminars on how to improve their advocacy skills and ethical insight. Meetings usually involve an actual courtroom setting, with a demonstration of a phase of the trial pro-

cess, followed by a critique and discussion. The Board of Governors of the American Trial Lawyers Association has passed a resolution endorsing the concept of the American Inns of Court as "an organization designed to provide a forum where skilled and experienced trial lawyers and judges can share their knowledge of the law and the trial skills with less skilled lawyers and students."

Burger said, "In my own view, which was shared by many other people, law schools weren't doing a proper job. They were teaching people all the skills — teaching young men and women to engage in good legal reasoning and analysis — but weren't paying much attention to the ethical side.

"I have said that to train lawyers in all the skills of advocacy and not train them in ethics, demeanor and the standards of the profession, is like giving a little boy a .38-caliber pistol on the playground and hoping he won't kill anybody or misuses it."

The idea is to "inculcate both the skills and the professional standards of advocacy into young lawyers at the beginning of their legal careers and not waiting until some later date," he said.

Hansen was also selected to be a

barrister because "we want to spread the field of our influence, not just along the Wasatch Front, but we'd like to have some of the other attorneys from other counties. ...Among the attorneys they work with in their counties, and in their area of practice, will also spread that philosophy, so we keep trying to expand our field of influence," Jeffs said.





ber 2, 1832, in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Cornelius and Permelia Darrow Lott. She died December 2, 1880, leaving two sons. Joseph and A. C., and three daughters, Minnie, Jane and Lacy. Two other children, Charles and John, died in infancy. Married Ruth Woolley in 1882. She was a daughter of Bishop Edwin Woolley of Salt Lake City, and was 25 at the time of marriage. She was the mother of six children, Mary Ann, LaPrele, Edwin D., Vermont, Aldura and Luacine.

Abram Hatch, first stake president of Wasatch Stake, was a grandson of a Revolutionary War veteran, Jeremiah Hatch. who came to Plymouth Rock in 1760. His mother died while he was a boy, and his father died in 1841. Abram, with his two brothers and two sisters, Jeremiah, Lorenzo, Adeline and Elizabeth, moved to Illinois to live with grandparents. The children were left considerable money by their father, but it was entrusted to an uncle who used it for himself, leaving the youngsters to do for themselves. Abram had always desired an education, but it was not possible for him to obtain it. When his grandparents died he became a cabin boy on a Mississippi River boat, and later cut cordwood for a living. He worked as an apprentice

ABRAM HATCH, PERMELIA JANE LOTT HATCH AND RUTH WOOLLEY HATCH

Abram Hatch was born January 3, 1830, in Vermont, son of Hezekiah and Aldura Sumner Hatch. He married Permelia Jane Lott in 1852 at Lebi She was born Octo-

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came to Utah in 1850, and was married to Permelia Lott in Lehi in 1852. They built a cabin by Utah Lake and started a farm and small merchandise business in Lehi. He also hauled freight and brought companies of immigrants back to Utah, making 11 trips across the plains. In 1861 he was called on a mission to England, leaving his wife and youngsters at home. His wife managed the farm, store and also ran freight teams to the Missouri River to obtain the needed supplies. She sold provisions to Johnston's Army. When her husband's mission was completed she was able to send him \$10,000 in gold dust to tour Europe and return home. He used most of the money to purchase merchandise enroute home. He bought a threshing machine, the first to come to Utah, and also stocks for the store. Two years after his return he was called by President Brigham Young to move to Heber and serve as bishop of the ward. He later became the first stake president and served 33 years in that position. Active in civic affairs, he was probate judge six years and served in the territorial legislature 23 years, authoring many worthwhile pieces of legislation. He also established a fine merchandising business in Heber and was known as a farmer and banker. His first home in Heber was built on the corner of First North and Main. He later built a large sandstone home east of his mercantile business. His first wife died at the age of 48 and was buried according to her wishes, in Lehi, by the graves of two small sons. He married Ruth Woolley in 1882. She was then 25 years old, and bore him six children, four daughters and two sons. She was a lovely, talented young lady, with a fine singing voice, and was a great help to him as he grew older. He died in Heber on December 2, 1911, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery. It was his wish that he be buried in the county he had helped build and where he had lived so long.